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HAVE A HAPPY HALLOWEEN

A crackdown on shops selling large quantities of eggs and flour should cut down on incidents around Halloween this week.

Over the past few weeks police have been working with partner organisations, local residents and young people to ensure Halloween does not cause a nuisance to others.

The action forms part of the Safer Autumn campaign. So enjoy Halloween this Friday - but not at the expense of others. FULL STORY - PAGE 9. PLUS... READ OUR HALLOWEEN BLOG - PAGE 13

BY ED HILL

PLANS to redevelop Brookfield Court have become the first major casualty of the credit crunch.

Just days after council leader Paul Clokie warned there was a risk to a number of short-term projects in the borough, the axe fell on the plans in South Ashford.

They would have seen 23 apartments built by developers Affinity Sutton, on behalf of the Downland Housing Association, and four new retail units. The existing site was to be demolished.

However, all is not lost and while the ambitious scheme has been put on hold, the council will push ahead with plans to refurbish the flats above the string of shops and bring them back into use.

The decision to stall has been taken after market conditions meant the project is no longer financially viable. Cllr Peter Wood, portfolio holder for housing and property, said: "Due to the current economic conditions, the housing association can no longer afford to offer the council the terms that were previously agreed."

"The new terms are not financially viable and therefore it is with regret the council has decided to postpone the project."

"Ashford council is committed to the ongoing improvement of local services and facilities throughout the borough and despite this setback the council's long-term aspirations to redevelop Brookfield Court remain."

The Brookfield blow may just be the first of a number of similar announcements, it is feared.

It is anticipated many of the private housing developments around the town will be held back as homes remain unsold. It could also mean a delay in the delivery of facilities such

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DANGER ZONE: Video footage shows a driver having to manoeuvre past the parked lorries

Parking menace of foreign lorries caught on video

REMARKABLE video footage of crazy parking by foreign lorry drivers which clog our roads and endanger our lives has reignited the debate over parking in and around the Orbital Park.

A reader of Yourashford this week uploaded onto our free broadband TV website - www.yourkenttv.co.uk - a clip from his mobile phone which shows a line of lorries parked nose to tail along Monument Way.

The lorries are parked so tightly on the narrow road cars are forced to weave dangerously the wrong side of a traffic island to get around them - into the path of oncoming traffic.

Consultation

Gareth Davidson, who lives in nearby East Stour Way told us he could barely believe what he was seeing.

The reader said: "It defied belief. Cars were being forced onto the opposite side of the road and then had to drive hundreds of yards into potentially oncoming traffic.

"The lorries were parked so tightly as well. It was absolutely crazy. But this is what it is like down here every weekend. It is a menace. Sooner or later it will cause a serious accident."

Local businesses and residents have long complained about the nuisance caused by the trucks, especially at weekends when the area's roads are brought to a gridlock by the vehicles. They also complain about litter

■ BY ED HILL

and other anti-social behaviour occurring in the area because HGV drivers park there.

Locals say foreign drivers prefer to use the area rather than spend money at the nearby truck stop in Sevington.

Ashford council's Joint Transportation Board has recently decided to extend the length of yellow lines in the area to prevent lorries from parking at the roadside.

It is currently in the process of carrying out a consultation process with locals to find out if they approve of the change before the new lines are put down.

A spokesperson for Ashford council said: "We have to go through the consultation first because there are other businesses in the area that park their vehicles there like the car dealerships and cattle market."

The public consultation will begin next month.

A spokesperson for Kent Police said: "Any footage like this is useful and could help us with future prosecutions."

To see the footage go to www.yourkenttv.co.uk and search the word 'trucks'.

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Ashford will have to argue its case harder

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as doctors' surgeries and schools.

Building in another development growth area, the Thames Gateway, is said to have ground to a halt.

And although everyone agrees the town is set to ride out the impending recession better than many others, there are tough times ahead.

Tory MP Damian Green told Yourashford: "It's impossible to say how long and how deep the recession will be. Ashford is relatively well placed because of the high-speed rail link, but that is relative to a really terrible national domestic background."

"I think it is essential we carry on with the infrastructure we need for a rising population. In the past the infrastructure has always fallen behind the house building."

"Everyone who has been stuck on the ring road will know we need a new road in Victoria Way to take traffic away from the town centre. Just because there is a recession we should not stop major infrastructure projects."

But he warned that bidding for a smaller pot of money from central government would only get harder.

He said: "It's whether the funds will be available from central government. We know tax revenues will come down and public spending will come under pressure in future. Ashford will have to argue its case harder than ever in the coming years."

Invested

A spokesman for Ashford council said: "While Ashford is not immune to the current economic situation, there are signs the town is less likely to be affected by the slowdown and the medium-term prospects remain bright."

"The town has benefited from high levels of investment in recent years and millions of pounds of Government funding will continue to be invested to provide improved retail, leisure, commercial and transport facilities and infrastructure as Ashford grows."

"Distinctive commercial developments such as a new Waitrose, the County Square complex and Eureka Park are excellent news for Ashford and show our attractiveness to developers. They also help meet the needs of an expanding and aspiring local population by providing first-class facilities and significant new jobs."

Making a date with the Calendar Club

PLOT your future in 2008 courtesy of the annual arrival of the Calendar Club in County Square.

For the fifth year running, the club has opened a store in the shopping complex near Peacocks, offering more than 2,300 varieties of calendars and diaries. It will remain open until January 11.

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Live theatre coming to a home near you

Production is to be played out in kitchen

■ BY ED HILL

SOME theatres boast of intimate performances, but they don't get much smaller than this.

A series of performances will be taking place across east Kent – performed in people's homes.

While Broadway shows shut as audience figures plummet, this new initiative is guaranteed sell-out shows night after night.

Especially when the capacity for the Ashford show will be just 12. And in some venues the 'house full' signs will be up when just SIX people have found their seats.

And with a host of venues already secured, they are now looking for help in locating a house in or around Ashford which will provide the perfect setting for their latest production.

Performances of *Before You Go* will take place over December 13-14 and are being co-ordinated by Lucy Cash, a choreographer and film-maker.

She said: "I get inspired by non theatrical spaces so people encounter theatre in a way that they might not expect. We need some-



CURTAIN CALL: Will live performances of the production *Before You Go* be taking place in your house in December?

where with a large kitchen that will hold up to 12 people and maybe a lounge.

"The fun part will be how we make it all work. We want to make the process as easy as possible. There won't be any huge theatre lights or anything like that. We want to work with the host so their home will not be totally disrupted."

Ms Cash is working on the project with writer Katie Hims and performer Gerard Bell.

She said: "I know Ashford has had public art projects that have had a mixed reception, but all the pieces that we are working on are fun and engage with the public."

"We want to counter some of the preconceptions about what alternative theatre is about."

The performance is part of a series entitled

Across The Threshold.

Cathy Westbrook, the woman behind the project explained: "This is part of a project called Leap Year. We need to find the perfect place that will match the atmosphere of the performance and it also needs to be accessible. Ideally we would like to find somewhere as close to the town centre as possible."

Performances are also taking place in Folkestone, Broadstairs and Canterbury.

If you think your home might make the ideal venue you can contact Cathy Westbrook on 0796 201 2822 or email cathy@panek.org.uk.

Tickets for the performances cost £10 (£7 concessions) to book call 01233 629165 or visit Ashford Tourist Information at 18 Churchyard.

Frozen funds leaving local firms in limbo

BUSINESSES and private investors in the borough are continuing to pay the price of the collapse of the Icelandic banks.

While the council wisely did not invest in the doomed banks, our MP, Damian Green, says many firms and individuals were not so lucky and are now waiting in limbo to discover what will happen to their money.

Since their collapse the funds have been frozen while the Government engages in talks with their Icelandic counterparts.

Mr Green told Yourashford: "I have had a number of concerns from local businesses and people who have had money in Icelandic banks. There are some very angry people out there. I have been firing emails to government to get this sorted as soon as possible because obviously for the smaller businesses the longer this goes on the harder it gets for them."

Jo James, from the Invicta Chamber of Commerce, said: "Everyone needs to really know where their money is. Businesses need to know when they will be getting this money back and at the moment there is no clear idea of when that will be."

Council rejects free swimming scheme due to financial risk

A GOVERNMENT-backed scheme to give free swimming to under-16s and the over-60s has been rejected by Ashford council because of the financial risks.

The plan was given a high-profile launch by the Government this summer and was meant to be part of improving people's health in the run up to the Olympics in 2012.

But, as reported in Yourashford last week, a report by the council's head of cultural and project services, Mark Carty, concluded that funding from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport for the scheme did not add up.

Cllr Gerry Clarkson, portfolio holder for cultural services, said: "Ashford council has carefully considered the scheme and have con-

cluded the government subsidy will leave the council with a significant gap in funding.

"The financial risks associated with this scheme cannot be justified and we would be negligent in our

responsibilities if we were to approve a programme that could lead to shortfalls in funding that could be in excess of £1 million, especially in the current economic climate."

"I am pleased to announce, though, that we are currently in discussions with the Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust to explore the possibility of providing additional funding that will enable us to consider the provision of free swimming for the over 60's."

"We hope to be able to announce more details of this in the next few weeks."



NEWS: Last week's front page

OAP killed after crash into Tesco

AN elderly driver has died after his car smashed into the rear of the Tesco Express store in Mill Court, just off the Hythe Road.

The man, thought to be in his 80s, drove his car into a fence behind the store at around 11.50am on Friday.

He was taken to the William Harvey, but died later that day.

No other vehicles were involved, but police are keen to hear from witnesses.

Meanwhile, police are appealing for help in finding the driver of a car involved in a hit and run incident in Aldington last Wednesday.

Darren Smith, 36, was walking along Frith Road at around 8pm when he was struck by a car and knocked to the side of the road, leaving him with a serious leg injury.

Mr Smith believes the vehicle was a green Citroën Saxo. Police say the car may have been travelling towards Hamstreet.

If you have any information call police on 01303 850055. They also want to talk to local garages that may have been asked to repair any damaged cars.

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NEWS IN BRIEF**Acclaimed British string quartet play for society**

THE Maggini Quartet will be performing a concert for the Ashford Music Society on November 10.

The group was formed in 1988 and has become one of the finest British string quartets. Their promotion of the British repertoire is widely recognised and their recordings have won great critical acclaim.

The concert will be held at the Norton Knatchbull on Hythe Road. Tickets are £10 and £3 for under 16s. For more information call Brenda McCormack on 01233 622971.

Children in good spirits thanks to housing firm

YOUNGSTERS in Stanhope got ready for this week's Halloween fun with a special day arranged to create colourful costumes.

In the latest of a string of events staged by Moat Housing Association – which is helping the regeneration of the estate – children were able to make their own scary gear and get tickets to a Halloween bash.

Moat's community development officer, Joanna Aylott, said: "The Halloween party is popular every year and brings together all generations of the Stanhope community."

Council to give go-ahead for building application

NORTHGATE Garage's former site on Faversham Road, Kennington, is set to be transformed into a home for 14 apartments.

Council planning chiefs will meet tonight to discuss the proposals which would see the flats built on the quarter-hectare site.

Despite objections from a number of neighbours, the council's planning officer has recommended the application be approved.

The site is currently home to a two-storey workshop, office space and showroom building and large forecourt close to the Co-op.

Schools cross-country event is a great success

SEVEN primary schools took part in the first-ever Ashford Primary Schools cross-country event last week.

Staged by the Mid Kent and Ashford School Sport Partnership, it took place at the historic estate of Godinton House.

Two races featuring 94 students took place within the 900-acre estate.

Pluckley and Lady Joanna Thornhill tied for first place in the boys' team event while Great Chart finished just ahead of Betersden in the girls' event.

Food lovers get ready for a taste sensation

Urban Chef is on the menu at food festival

■ BY ED HILL

GET ready to send your taste buds wild as the eagerly anticipated Cranbrook and Tenterden Food Festival gets under way.

Starting this Friday, the two-day extravaganza is set to attract food lovers from across the county with the focus on the very best in local produce.

The event kicks-off with a tented food village at The Cellars between the High Street and Waitrose car park in Tenterden. More than 30 stalls will be piled high with the best food and drink sourced from across the county.

The tented village will be open on Friday and Saturday from 9am-5.30pm and super-market Waitrose will also be holding in-store tastings of local produce.

On both days there will be guided tours of Chapel Down Winery and vineyards, beer tastings at the White Lion and festival menus at Zest Café Bar, The Lemon Tree Restaurant and The Vine.

The special guest for the event is TV's Urban Chef, Oliver Rowe. The cook is famous for only using produce from a 25-mile radius from his restaurant in London's Kings Cross.

Spokesperson Daisy Halliday said: "In the afternoon Oliver will be holding a question and answers session with local chefs and giving a demonstration using the local food that people have provided."



TASTY: Local food and drink will be available at the Cranbrook and Tenterden Food Festival this weekend

On Saturday evening, Mr Rowe will be at St. Mildred's Church Hall, Tenterden. The event starts at 7pm and includes a wine tasting hosted by experts from the Chapel Down Winery.

The audience will be able to taste sparkling and still wines as well as learn about the wine-making process.

Mr Rowe will advise on which wines go best with fresh, seasonal produce, a selection of which will be served with the wine.

In Cranbrook on Saturday, November 1

there will be an Apple Fayre along the High Street. An apple crushing machine will give people the chance to press their own juice and there will be a chance to see Morris dancers, a fairground organ and old tractors.

The Union Windmill will be open showing how wheat is ground. The White Horse pub has apple bobbing and a special festival pork and apple menu.

For more information on the festival events visit www.tenterdentown.co.uk

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Insight on future of our town

SEE for yourself the changing face of the town as County Square hosts a three-day exhibition getting under way tomorrow.

The event is being staged by Ashford's Future – the company set up to deliver the many changes to the borough.

Running from Thursday to Saturday, opposite Costa Coffee in the shopping complex, it will include a model and new film showing the town's future development.

And you can get a sense of the town's rapid changes by logging-on to our free broadband TV website www.yourkenttv.co.uk to see a film produced by Ashford's Future to promote

the town to external investors. Just log on and search 'Ashford'.

Judith Armitt, managing director of Ashford's Future, said: "Ashford is a fast evolving town with many exciting developments and changes happening across the borough."

"We recognise many of the town's residents want to understand what is going on and therefore we hope this event will provide an opportunity for them to find out more and understand future plans."

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RARE: Archaeologist Julie Martin with a medieval gilded strap end (left) and a 14th century English jetton coin

Exciting finds halt work on water supply

WORK on a new water pipeline is unearthing artefacts revealing the area's ancient past.

South East Water has now been forced to halt work to give the archaeological team more time to investigate, record and preserve the ancient finds.

So far the team has discovered the remains of items dating from medieval periods, to Iron Age, Roman and as early as Bronze Age periods.

The finds have been made as the water firm lays a pipe from its Howfield pumping station, just off the A28 near Chartham, to Chilham – six-and-a-half miles away – as part of an on-going project to improve supplies in and around Ashford.

Investigation

Items found so far include many medieval and Roman coins, mid-to-late Iron Age pots, a gilded belt strap end, Roman ditches and steel knives.

There is also evidence that suggests there could potentially be a rare invasion-period Roman military marching camp near the pipeline works, which has been uncovered and is currently being excavated for further investigation.

Paul Clifford, engineering manager at South East Water, said: "These exciting finds have emerged during the initial pipeline

■ BY ED HILL

excavation work and after we carried out extensive archaeology surveys of the entire route before construction.

"On large schemes like this we take the extra precaution of having archaeologists working alongside our contractors to ensure that if we do find anything of historical significance then we can halt work for further investigations.

"That ensures we can continue to protect and record our ancient heritage."

The pipeline is part of a £310 million pot being invested in the area's water supplies. It is expected to be completed by spring 2009. It will deliver an extra eight million litres of water into the Ashford area.

Archaeologist Tim Allen, from Kent Archaeological Projects, said: "Nearly all of the archaeological areas contain numerous straight and curved boundary ditches, the excavated examples of which date from the late Iron Age to the medieval and early post-medieval periods."

Earlier this year the company found remains of an Iron Age house near Shadoxhurst, as it laid a pipeline from the Bewl Reservoir near Lamberhurst to a pumping station in Stubbs Cross.

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Get the call of the wild on your phone

AFTER a really wild sounding Christmas present this year? Then what about ring tones recorded from animals at local wild animal park Port Lympne?

The park is making the sounds available for download – with all proceeds going towards the Aspinall Foundation charity. The noises include that made by a guinea baboon, an African elephant and a Malaysian tapir (pictured right).

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Exhibition of youngsters' therapeutic art nears end

DON'T hang around to catch an exhibition highlighting the artistic skills of vulnerable children now on display at Ashford Library.

The artwork comes from several projects around the town run by the charity Action for Children. They include the North Downs project which helps children work through their problems through art and play.

The work being exhibited, which includes photography, paintings and sculpture, was created by children and young people aged between six and 19 during various arts events run by the project.

Set up in 1992 and run in partnership with Kent Council and Eastern & Coastal Primary Care Trust the project provides therapeutic programmes for children affected by trauma and abuse.

Tricia McDade service manager at North Downs said: "These arts initiatives have given children and young people an opportunity to discover new skills and have fun."

The exhibition, in the children's section of the Church Road library, runs until Friday.

Democracy week giving young a taste of politics

COUNCIL members have been meeting youngsters this week in a bid to turn them on to local politics.

Councillors have been visiting schools, colleges and youth clubs across the borough throughout the month as part of Local Democracy Week, a national initiative aimed at getting young people involved in the democratic process.

The sessions gave youngsters the opportunity to quiz local councillors about issues that affect them together with a chance to discover more about local government.

Ex smoker's not dragging his heels for charity run

STEVE Budd has swapped smoking for running to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of his sister who died of breast cancer three years ago.

The 47-year-old from Park Farm will compete in the 13-mile Lydd half-marathon in March next year, and has lined up several 10km runs in preparation for his big day, including one in Ashford next February.

Mr Budd said: "Macmillan were a fantastic source of support for my family so this is my way of giving something back."

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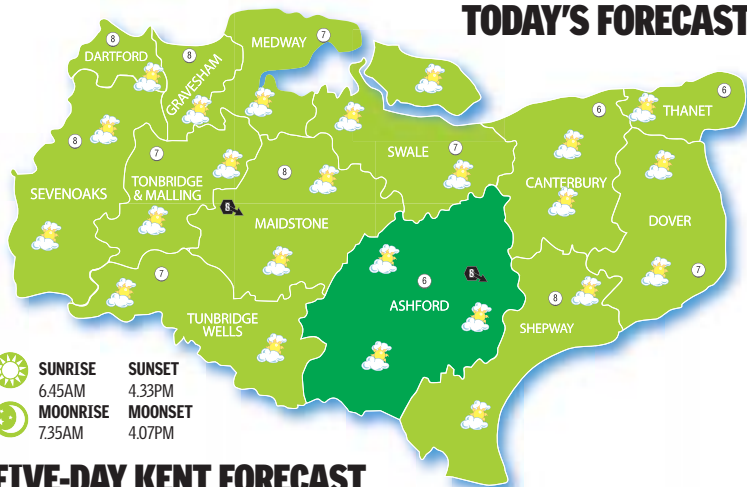
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QUESTION & ANSWER

MONICA BOX



Q Can you tell me a little bit about what you were doing before you came to South Kent College (SKC)?

A I was principal of City College Manchester with the particular brief to lead it into merger with another large college in the city. Although based in Manchester, the job took me all over the country as City College was the largest provider of prison education in the country so I visited prisons right across England.

Earlier I was principal of Calderdale College based in Halifax, West Yorkshire. In many ways this was much more like the area served by SKC because it had both urban and rural populations.

Q What is your favourite thing about being principal of SKC?

A If I had to choose one thing that I enjoy most about being principal of SKC it would be the opportunity it gives to meet young learners who are so involved with learning new skills.

We have over 2,000 students aged 16-18 across our three sites and I have lots of opportunities to drop in on their practical sessions and actually see them developing new skills on a daily basis.

I must say that's easily the best way to keep in touch with what this job is really about.

Q What is the hardest part of the job?

A Probably cutting back on resources. Anyone who works in the public sector

should want to provide the best service that money can buy, and I certainly want to do that.

Unfortunately SKC has spent more money on providing services to students than it has been allocated so now we need to get back to a position where we spend only what we earn. That's not easy to do, but it's the right thing to do.

Q How are you feeling about the merger that is taking place with West Kent College?

A It provides another big opportunity for our college. There is a lot of work to do before the merger can take place and everyone here at SKC is keen to help the process along.

Q How do you think this will benefit SKC?

A A fresh start can be an enormous benefit to many organisations, so both SKC and WKC stand to benefit from the merger proposal.

The key to success will be making sure that the best of both colleges is preserved whilst new opportunities are grasped. There is a huge amount that is good about SKC even before merger and we will work with our merger partners to build that into the new college.

Q What obvious changes are going to take place through the merger?

A It's very likely that the new college will have a new name and begin to establish a

new identity, so there will be some obvious changes right from August 1, 2009.

Other changes are more likely to develop less quickly and these will include changes to the buildings and courses that are available in each location.

The need for skilled people is growing so the college will want to grow to meet that need.

Q What do you get up to outside of work?

A I enjoy being with my family and friends. In particular I love to cook and often find all kinds of excuses for having people around just because I want to cook a lovely meal and sit round the dinner table with some good company.

I'm very interested in politics and the economy so there's plenty to keep my interest levels high at the moment.

Q What future hopes do you have for the college?

A I'd like to see the new college provide the best, most up-to-date services, facilities and learning opportunities possible to our learners.

I would want them to be as good and preferably better than anything available in any area of further education in the country.

Some of this may need to be achieved through strong partnership working – that's fine because what we should be aiming for is the best service available to the highest number of people.

Q & A

Principal Monica Box has a one-year contract to improve standards at South Kent College ahead of its proposed merger with West Kent College. She discusses her role with **Marijke Cox**

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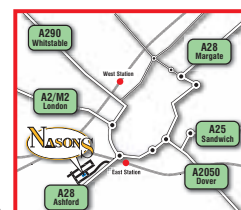
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Go-ahead for £600m plan to improve county schools

■ BY NICK AMES

A £600 MILLION project to improve education across the county has received the green light.

The Building Schools for the Future programme will now get under way with four schools in Thanet, one in Herne Bay and one in Whitstable among the first to benefit.

Kent County Council has signed a contract for the project with three development partners, using money from central government.

A further 25 schools across Thanet, Swale and north Kent are among the next to be considered.

The plan is also set to benefit the construction industry and as part of the deal with the Land Securities Trillium, BSF Investments and Northgate Education a total of 400 apprenticeships will be offered.

Among the first schools to be transformed are Charles Dickens, Dane Court and St George's CE in Broadstairs, King Ethelbert in Birchington, the Community College Whitstable and Herne Bay High School.

The project is part of a countywide initiative on education worth £1.8 billion – the largest school-building project in Europe.

KCC's cabinet member for education operations, resources and skills, Mark Dance said: "The signing of this contract marks a historic



ATTACK: MP Steve Ladyman has blasted 'pathetic' KCC

day for education in Kent. The Building Schools for the Future programme will see radical transformation of school buildings in the county.

"State-of-the-art technology, fantastic learning and teaching environments and unrivalled community facilities will have a huge impact on generations to come. This an enormously exciting time."

And the county council's managing director for children, families and education, Graham

Badman, said: "The timing of this contract marks the start, not the end of the process."

"This process will give Kent and other authorities a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity not just to transform the schools through rebuilding but to create the circumstances that will determine a 21st-century curriculum where the needs and ability of the learner are central to the school curriculum."

But a row over who should get the praise for the project has broken out.

Thanet South MP Stephen Ladyman has attacked KCC as "pathetic" for issuing a statement which he says claims sole credit for a project which is actually a Government-funded initiative.

Dr Ladyman said: "Building Schools for the Future is indeed a magnificent project and as KCC acknowledges it is an ambitious plan that will eventually see every secondary school rebuilt or refurbished – but it is not a county initiative."

"Building Schools for the Future is a Government programme, a Government initiative and it relies on Government funding. Certainly local programmes are planned and implemented locally, but in a partnership one partner should not try to deny the involvement of the partner that makes it all possible."

"For KCC to try to take the credit for this scheme and not acknowledge the role of Government in making it possible is pathetic. They should apologise at once."



BE SCARE: Police are calling on trick and treaters not to overstep the mark this Halloween

Don't take trick or treat too far

TRICK and treaters are once again being urged to respect people and property ahead of this week's Halloween celebrations.

Friday is Halloween and the tradition of youngsters going door-to-door looking for treats sees thousands take to the streets.

But county Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, Terry McCormick, is reminding everyone who takes part in trick and treating to remember not to overstep the mark.

He said far from it being fun, older people can find the experience frightening and urged revellers to respect the Kent Police signs in windows which state homeowners will not open the door to trick or treaters.

He added if they do not get a reply, they should not persist as it may be the person inside is scared.

The advice is part of Kent Police's Safer Autumn Campaign – an initiative offering residents, businesses and young people advice to help them stay safe at this time of year.

Mr McCormick said: "Unexpected callers at the door can cause some anxiety for older people, particularly for those who live alone."

"When those callers present themselves in the dark, often wearing scary face masks, it can be a traumatic experience, and it is clearly unacceptable to inflict such distress on older people."

"Without wishing to impinge on the traditions of Halloween, we would ask trick or treaters not to call on older people and to please keep their activities lawful."

"The recent creation of our Senior Watch scheme has allowed us to contact many hundreds of pensioners with information and police will be taking action if Halloween activities result in criminal offences."

Train your dog to get through fireworks night

THE RSPCA has teamed up with the Co-op supermarket chain to help raise awareness of how to ease the misery suffered by the county's pets left terrified by fireworks.

The story will help distribute a new leaflet produced by the RSPCA which gives practical advice on how owners can use sound therapy to overcome their dogs' long-term fear of loud noises that have traditionally caused so much distress to animals during the Guy Fawkes celebrations.

Mark Evans, the RSPCA's chief vet, said: "Every year, fireworks and other loud noises are a source of great anxiety for many dogs. But what most owners don't realise is that this is a treatable problem. Scientifically proven therapy tools such as the Sounds Scary! CD, can help to teach dogs to be less afraid of fireworks, so the next fireworks season will be less stressful for both the owner and their dog."

An estimated 45 per cent of dogs in the UK show signs of fear when they hear fireworks!

– meaning up to three million dogs could be affected this Bonfire Night.

The RSPCA wants to spread the message that pet owners do not have to watch their canine companions suffer every year.

The Co-op will give the charity's new firework leaflet to anyone who buys fireworks from any of its stores. It contains tips on how to help dogs leading up to and on the nights fireworks are set off, and is available at www.rspca.org.uk/fireworks.

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The four boys who might just never grow up

BY ANNA WHITE

FOUR boys will be visiting Neverland this Christmas after being chosen to star in the Orchard Theatre's pantomime.

The young actors from Dartford and Bexley will share the roles of John and Michael Darling in the Dartford theatre's production of Peter Pan. Robert Gain, six, Taylor Egan, 13, George Anderson, 10, and Tom Gills, 13, will play an important part in bringing JM Barrie's classic tale to the stage.

All four boys attend the Liz Burville Performing Arts Centre in Bexley, which is also providing the rest of the children for the cast. The director is comedian Joe Pasquale, who also stars as Captain Hook's hapless sidekick Smee, who will

put their performance skills to the test. Mr Pasquale has already praised the standard of this year's young actors, who make such an important contribution to the magical story of the boy who never grew up.

"This year they are exceptional," he told KOS Media. "They have got a big part to play in bringing the Darling family and the Lost Boys to life."

The pantomime is sponsored by Buss Murton Solicitors, who have chosen Ellenor Lions Hospices as their charity this year.

Charlotte Harris, branch manager at Buss Murton, and Linda Trew from the charity congratulated the boys on winning the coveted roles.

• Peter Pan will be at the Orchard Theatre from Friday, December 5 to Sunday, January 11. Tickets are priced from £15. To book, phone the box office on 01322 220000 or book online at www.orchardtheatre.co.uk.



BIG CHANCE: The four lads who have landed roles in this year's Orchard panto



Wash your hands to help save lives

THE head of nursing in west Kent has highlighted the message that simply washing your hands can save lives.

Barrie Collins, director of nursing and infection control and prevention at NHS West Kent, said the primary care trust was launching a national initiative across its six community hospitals called Clean Your Hands, on Monday.

District nurses, health visitors and other healthcare professionals in the community will also be talking to patients about the need for basic hand hygiene, he said.

The launch comes after Infection Control Week, which ran from Monday to Friday, to raise awareness about the work being done to protect patients from superbugs and other infectious diseases.

Mr Collins said: "We have trained staff and put up notices about the campaign and we've already got hand-gel containers."

"It is basically reminding people of the importance of washing your hands and that it is everyone's business - it is the single most important thing we can all do to stop the spread of infection."

The initiative from the National Patient Safety Agency has been running in acute hospitals across the country and the PCT is among the first to introduce it in community services facilities.

KOS Media has been running a campaign across Kent since February to highlight the importance of hand-washing and basic hygiene in the battle against killer bugs such as MRSA and Clostridium difficile.

Infection rates are down but Mr Collins explained how with infections like Norovirus, or winter vomiting disease, now is an important time to take precautions.

He said: "It's important not to visit hospitals if you have been sick or had diarrhoea because it can spread easily."

"Also, we heat our houses in the winter which creates warm environments where bugs can grow, so we have to be vigilant."

Air ambulance chief's bid to win fuel cash back for charity

THE chief executive of Kent Air Ambulance Trust has launched an appeal to claim back Briton's money after airline price fix.

On September 26, the Northern District Court, in San Francisco, ruled British Airways and Virgin Atlantic airlines repay over £73 million to British victims, for their part in an alleged unlawful fuel surcharge price fixing arrangement.

Anybody who flew long-haul with either airline between August 11, 2004 and March 23, 2006 are enti-

tled to claim up to £20. In America, if affected passengers do not claim their refund by 2012 the unclaimed money will be donated to a specific charity to avoid the airlines profiting from the scheme.

This is not the case in England.

Chief executive Mr Philpott, travelled to San Francisco in April this year, to persuade the court to allow the UK to have the same rights, and allow English charities to benefit from the payout.

But the airlines refused to budge.

Determined Mr Philpott, proposed a motion to allow passengers to tick a box on a claim form or online, and donate their refunds to charity.

But British Airways refused, saying: "Thus, Settlement Class Members who submit valid claims and receive refund payments can easily give that money to the charity of their choice if they so desire."

Mr Philpott said: "There is £73million up for grabs, which if gift aided to charity would amount to almost £100million."

"As the credit crunch bites, charities will need to be ever more resourceful in their fund-raising and this is a pain-free way to ask supporters to help."

"By registering a claim and then passing that money onto the charity of their choice, thousands of good causes can benefit."

• Mr Philpott has launched the website www.givethatmoneytocharity.co.uk where passengers who think they may be entitled to claim from the price fix can register their details.



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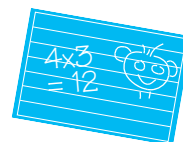
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HOW CONSTRUCTIVE: North School pupils entertained visitors with a dance show on a building theme

Mud, sweat and tears give way to pride

■ BY ED HILL

IT TOOK four years, but last week finally saw the official opening ceremony for the multi-million pound renovation of the North School.

Members of the community were invited, as well as officials from Kent County Council and other dignitaries.

The rebuilding of the school was part of an £82 million PFI agreement the county council used to rebuild six schools in Kent.

It began in September 2004 and was finished last month.

Headteacher Lesley Ellis said: "There were times when I felt this day was never going to come. I've had a very good team around me and we have put up with a lot during the rebuilding programme – such as walking through mud and the toilets not working."

"But we want to achieve the very best for our children. When education forgets that children are not commodities, that will be the day it fails."

Visitors were treated to a tour of the school by students as well as a dance performance on the construction theme.

The PFI project has replaced 85 per cent of

the buildings at six schools across the county.

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter said: "This has been a long journey and the students and staff have put up with a lot of disruption. We are delivering a massive rebuilding programme for many of the schools in Kent for very good value for money."

"A good school is not just about the buildings. You also need fantastic teachers and a good management team."

The North School is now a specialist sports college. Many of the improvements include new sports facilities such as an all-weather pitch and sports hall.

The old classrooms have been transformed into modern spaces with IT equipment.

Guest of honour was Sue Campbell CBE, chairwoman of UK Sport and a future member of the House of Lords.

She said: "Bringing sport into the heart of school life encourages good health, helps with individual learning, encourages teamwork and raises aspirations."

"I have been honoured to be here to see what has been achieved at this school and I am sure everyone is very proud as well."

BREAK TIME

Highworth helps with the transition

HIGHWORTH Grammar School has been praised for the way it helps pupils make the transition from junior to secondary school.

It conducted a major questionnaire with parents of Year Seven students to see if the school's efforts to make the change as smooth as possible had been a success.

Highworth held a number of events for new parents to help with the process including an information evening, transition day and induction day.

More than 100 parents returned the questionnaire – and proved the school had

succeeded in its mission. Fifty-eight per cent of parents found the transition process to be 'excellent' and 40 per cent rated it as 'good', with only one per cent finding it poor or satisfactory.

As a result of the survey, the school says it will improve some of the signs to the school reception.

It says that the length of transition school visits is something that needs to be addressed around the county.

When asked if their daughters were happy at their new school, 98 per cent of parents said they were.

It's poetic justice for Katie and Amy

TWO local pupils are celebrating after their poems appeared in a new book.

The Young Writers' Group runs creative writing competitions for schools and last year asked children to pen poems to include in their book *Away With Words*.

And two girls from Ashford School have made it into the Kent edition. Katie Peart and Amy Lillington were among 11 of their classmates in Year Nine who entered. Both received a £5 book token for their poems, which were on the theme of

'talking about my generation'. More than 37,000 poems were submitted nationally.

Lynsey Evans, from the Young Writers' Group, said: "Choosing just five winners per book is one of the hardest decisions the editorial team has to make."

"Congratulations to all the pupils who had poems published. They certainly made selecting the winners a difficult task."

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It'll be a real treat not to see you at my door

TEN years ago, the middle classes quaked in darkened front rooms each Halloween as the streets seemingly filled with council tenants demanding cash and food.

Failure to deliver the required 'treat', so the popular feeling went, would result in the inevitable 'trick' and your house being coated in eggs – if you were lucky.

Everyone seemed to know someone who had failed to answer their door only for a gang of yobs to shove eggs, flour, dog poo, sticks of dynamite, or maybe even an elderly neighbour, through the letterbox.

Add a bit of stirring by some national newspapers and a climate of fear was introduced to the Halloween celebrations.

But despite the majority resisting the onslaught of a new reason to splash out so close to Christmas, the commercial world was determined to milk this new scary cash cow.

And so our shops were decked out in costumes, skeletons, fake blood and, to complete a

surely somewhat ironic circle, fright masks of wizened old people with which to scare real old people. Weird.

Needless to say, if we're all exposed to it enough then we meekly accept it. And a decade on, there's a new generation of young parents who see Halloween as a key date to mark with a bit of good old trick or treating.

What's more, the old class divide is over. Now the middle classes are lining up with goodie bags to reap the rewards of a bit of good old-fashioned door-to-door scrounging, followed by apple bobbing and a pumpkin carving competition. All very civilised.

But the reality is that where once trick or treating meant nothing more than a threat of violence, it is now just a long night of irritations to be endured.

I suspect I won't be the only one switching all the lights off and pretending I'm not in for the duration. Some traditions die hard.

It's not a swipe at the horrible Americanism of the exercise, more a desire not to have to get up every five seconds and throw sweets in a bucket. Or, to be more accurate, have to put up

with a group of surly teens as I throw a handful of penny chews in their bucket when they were rather hoping their 99p mask would induce me to hand over some hard cash.

But the saddest thing is how it has changed a part of the year I used to cherish. The turning of October into November meant two things when I was young.

Firstly, November brought the fun of making a Guy and a bonfire and enjoying the whizzbangs of the finest set of Standard fireworks we could get. Secondly, and, if truth be known, slightly more excitingly, it represented a real milestone in the countdown to Christmas.

Now, though, Halloween and bonfire night have been merged into a pain in the backside of a fortnight where walking the streets brings you face to face with kids in masks, or huddled around fireworks they are about to throw into some poor sap's garden. Or have I just turned into a miserable old sod?

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This September saw the publication by DK of The Antiques Roadshow Book of Collectables. Reaching in excess of six million viewers per week, the BBC's The Antiques Roadshow has been providing unrivalled antiques and collectables know-how for over 30 years.

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SUE RICHARDSON AND JOHN WILKINSON

The Friends of the William Harvey fulfil a vital role of raising funds. Sue Richardson, manager of its shop, and John Wilkinson, its vice chairman, explain its role



How did you first get involved?

SUE: I had worked at the hospital for 17 years and took the job of shop manager four years ago.

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It is hard work but it's nice to meet everyone and you feel like you are doing something useful.

What happens to the money you raise?

JOHN: All the money we raise goes towards helping out the hospital, whether it is the proceeds from the shop or our own fundraising. We have to pay for everything ourselves such as shelves and food chillers.

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YOUR LETTERS

Flood of advice due to wet winter fears

Experts warn homeowners to be on guard



A draining issue faces us in winter

While I think it is only right for the Environment Agency to flag up the precautions everyone should take ahead of a potentially wet winter, surely the biggest threat is the issue of drains.

I have family who live in Whitstable and last year they saw roads flood quickly after heavy rain, not just because of the quantity, but due to the fact many drains were not cleared out.

In some cases, they said, there was grass even sticking out the top - that's how bad it had got. Little wonder they had trouble. And, I'm told, a big problem was council vans had been unable to clear them because of parked cars.

We should ensure we learn the lessons and that our drains are unblocked before this wet winter descends.

Tim Howe
Park Farm

Special memories of cattle market

I have never written to a newspaper before, but I would



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just like to say how much I have enjoyed your recent series of articles on the site of the former cattle market.

I remember the market well

and visited there often with my parents. It was a lively, fascinating place to be - especially as I was so young.

It enhanced my vision and

impression of Ashford and I think made the town seem almost magical.

While I am sure the market site on the Orbital Park is strong and thriving, the fact the old site in Elwick Road was so central to the town, and fed the health of the town, made it extra special.

Mrs J Ashman
Sevington

Zulu gave Bob a real dog's life

I read with interest your article last week on Mr Wills - or Zulu as he was called - at the old cattle market in Elwick Road.

But I was amazed by what his son said about how he rounded up one flock - or, more to the point, how his dog did.

He said: "My dad had an old sheep dog, Bob, that would do anything for him."

"Once he sent that dog out to Kingsnorth on its own to bring the sheep back. He phoned up the farm and said just leave the gate open and he will do the rest and he did, all on his own, no-one helped him."

Does he mean he dispatched his dog to do this? His name wasn't Lassie by any chance was it?

F Walker
Singleton

Driving home the point on boy racers

Please pass my congratulations to the author of your mystery blogger page last week (Custom built to drive the rest of us crazy, Yourashford, October 22).

I could not agree more that the sort of idiots who spend their evenings in the town's car parks fooling around in their souped-up cars are a waste of space.

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LOVE IN GOOD TIME

Considerate, honest female, 28, 5ft, fair hair, single mum, likes staying active, cinema, seeking kind, honest, fun, caring, outgoing male for love. Box 444511 **Q**

ANOTHER GLASS?

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33yr old, 5ft11, non-smoker, with GSOH, I enjoy travelling, cinema, reading, rock concerts, yoga and meals out. WLTW intelligent, honest man to make me laugh. Box 885810 **Q**

THE TRUTH ABOUT RUTH

I'm Ruth, hard-working, kind, caring, 33, brown hair, brown eyes, nice smile, seeking down-to-earth and loving male to get to know and see what happens! Box 901072 **Q**

FUN-LOVING FEMALE

Attractive, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTW intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Turnbridge Wells. Box 308734 **Q**

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE

Bubbly, genuine, honest, caring, mum of 1, 34, dark hair, blue eyes, loves nights out, seeking male, 30-40, with GSOH, for love and all. Box 437041 **Q**

ALONG THE SHORE

Brilliant female, 36yrs old, single mum, enjoys socialising, DIY, romantic moments and family activities. WLTW a male with similar interests for friendship, maybe more. Box 442393 **Q**

HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 **Q**

LOVE TO LOVE YOU

Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium-large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 **Q**

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Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 508053 **Q**

SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 **Q**

FROM ME TO YOU

Tall leggy brunette, 38, recently bereaved, enjoys meals out or nights in, dry white wine, a good movie & cuddles, seeking a male for companionship. Box 887404 **Q**

COOK UP A STORM

Turnbridge Wells lady, brown hair/eyes, 38, I'm a teacher and love theatre, reading, cinema, swimming, travel. Looking for like minded chap for happy times. Box 444923 **Q**

A-STAR LOVE

Bright bubbly curvy female, 38, a teacher, loves reading, travelling, swimming, cooking, WLTW adventurous male to share life and hopefully more with. Turnbridge Wells. Box 444628 **Q**

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SIMILAR INTERESTS

Bubbly, divorced mum of 2, medium-large build, 5ft4, I'm 44, have a GSOH and enjoy cinema, pubs, socialising, etc. Box 445420 **Q**

LOVING, CARING & HONEST

Hard working single mum, young 44yr old, 5ft5, medium build, enjoys dining out, holidays, cinema and walks, WLTW a caring and genuine male for friendship/relationship. Box 444751 **Q**

DEAL OR NO DEAL? (IN DEAL)

Deaf-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384 **Q**

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

Understanding, caring female, 45, 5ft4, medium build, brown hair, likes cinema, animals, music, romantic puns, seeking male for cuddles, hugs and more. Box 444875 **Q**

MOVING ON FROM FRIENDSHIP

Hi I'm 45, 5ft6, largish build, blue eyes, non-smoker/driver, devoted Mum, seeking male to share life with, walks, beaches and more. Canterbury. Box 440592 **Q**

COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 888900 **Q**

AND ALL THAT JAZZ

Warm, radiant, witty, intelligent, attractive, black female, Christian, 44, likes music, jazz, travel, art, restaurants, theatre, seeking a cultured, NS, intelligent, solvent gentleman. Box 433075 **Q**

NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy, brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTW a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442651 **Q**

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Separated brilliant brunette, 39, single mum, 5ft7, likes swimming and house music, WLTW a kind and considerate tall white male with dark shoulder length hair. Box 445684 **Q**

ANIMAL LOVER?

Nurse, 37yrs, 2 kids, 5ft8, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for a kind, caring, loyal male Box 431557 **Q**

NO TIES

Long, bored, professional Turnbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTW slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 445572 **Q**

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Hello, I'm Nikki, 41yr young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 444796 **Q**

YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DIAL

Bubbly 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, puns, clubs, WLTW a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102 **Q**

EVERLASTING LOVE

Beautiful black female, 46, WLTW a caring, gentle and loving gentleman, 45-60, 5ft10+, pref a bit sporty, for a everlasting relationship. Turnbridge Wells Box 445407 **Q**

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Easysonging woman, likes most things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810 **Q**

IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!

44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easysonging, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810 **Q**

PROVE ME WRONG!

Young looking female, 47, divorced, NS, bubbly and friendly, loves motor-bikes, animals, music and holidays abroad, WLTW a loyal, considerate and honest male. Eastbourne Box 445713 **Q**

HAPPY GO LUCKY

Sincere, happy woman, with GSOH. I'm 5ft6, with short brown hair, brown eyes, I have lots of interests and WLTW similar guy Box 895019 **Q**

LET'S TAKE A RIDE

Hi, I'm Laura, 47, friendly, honest, love motor-biking, WLTW gentleman interested in bikes, walks, holidays, the countryside, museums, castles, and perhaps love! Box 440397 **Q**

SANDY SEEKS DANNY

Slim, petite Sandy, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no lies, loves socialising, eating out etc. GSOH seeking trustworthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 440100 **Q**

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes swimming, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love & TLC. Seaford. Box 444366 **Q**

BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER

Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy Box 425952 **Q**

GIG DEEPER

Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover Box 435441 **Q**

JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easysonging single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTW genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 **Q**

HELLO BOYS!

Curvy brunette, 50, 5ft5, curvy, brunette, green eyes, WLTW a spontaneous, caring, tallish man to make me smile and feel good again. Box 888662 **Q**

THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS

Hi, I'm Teresa, 53yr young, like animals, gardening and ordinary things! WLTW a nice man, my age or younger, for a possible relationship. Box 445707 **Q**

COAST AND COUNTRY

I'm a kind female, 52, slim, 5ft3, dark hair. I like music, dancing, reading, cook, countryside. Seeking kind, genuine man, 45-60, for LTR. Box 430302 **Q**

PERHAPS... PERHAPS...

Beautiful brunette, 61, size 12, brown eyes, likes dancing, theatre and socialising with friends, WLTW a non-smoking male with GSOH for friendship, perhaps love. Box 445555 **Q**

MAKE ME LAUGH, MAKE ME YOURS

Hi there, kind-hearted 57yr old sincere lady, non-smoker, recently separated, seeking kind, honest gent for friendship first and to make me laugh. Box 440637 **Q**

A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP

Semi-retired nurse, 58, likes movies, walking, music, WLTW male 56-62, kind, caring, for companionship/more. Box 443795 **Q**

PERHAPS... PERHAPS...

Beautifully 61, size 12, brown eyes, likes dancing, theatre and socialising with friends, WLTW a non-smoking male with GSOH for friendship, perhaps love. Box 445555 **Q**

MAKE ME PURR

Happy-go-lucky lady, nice smile, 62, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, enjoys dancing, walking, eating out, animals, seeking loving man for friendship, long-term relationship. Box 443171 **Q**

THIS HEART IS STILL LIVING

Easysonging female, 62, nights in and out, drama, social drinks, seeks nice, honest man for friendship and maybe more. Box 440491 **Q**

LOVING AND GENUINE

Female, early 60s, tall, slim, modern, young thinking and very adaptable to people, own house, loves animals, walking and eating out. Box 440592 **Q**

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Curvy bi female, 32, seeks like-minded woman, for friendship, hopefully more. Single mum, work part time. Box 886142 **Q**

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AFFECTIONATE CONNECTION

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Outgoing, black male, 27, average build, likes to enjoy life to the full, looking for a loving female for friendship and more. Box 886212 **Q**

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Tall chap, 31, 6ft, dark hair/blue eyes, I'd like to meet a kind and caring woman for romantic times. Box 445667 **Q**

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LOVING

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CALL ME UP...

Civil servant, 36, caring, sharing, GSOH, brown eyes, short brown hair, 5ft11, likes the gym, puns, travelling, reading, cooking, music, seeking female with GSOH. Box 444560 **Q**

EVERYTHING I DO

Lee, driver, 36yr old, 6ft3, dark hair, like puns, clubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading, WLTW woman for friendship and romance. Box 889720 **Q**

IS SOMEONE OUT THERE?

Outgoing and fun-loving male, 38, 5ft10, no children, living in hope of finding Miss Right, WLTW a lady for friendship and days out. Box 885881 **Q**

TRUSTWORTHY

Margate man, 37, 6ft3, dark hair, nice big smile. I work in residential care which I love. I'm down-to-earth, kind, tactile, with a GSOH. Box 423437 **Q**

COME GET ME

Separated night worker, 39, likes cooking, DIY, watching documentaries, looking for a slim, attractive female, 30-40, pref a fun-loving, honest, hard-working lady as well. Box 885698 **Q**

TO THE TUNE OF LOVE

WLTW a genuine female for fun and friendship, I'm 40, very friendly and out-going, walking and eating out. Box 445590 **Q**

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DON'T FORGET THIS ONE!

Hi, I'm Steve, 40s, 6ft2, muscular build, keen on pubs and sport, WLTW a female, 40-46, for an everlasting relationship. Box 445541 **Q**

FUN AND CUDDLY

42yr old male, 5ft7, blue eyes, enjoys cinema, walking, swimming and cosy nights in, seeking a female to rescue and be happy with. Box 443933 **Q**

A NICE GUY

Hello, I'm 6ft, 6ft, 54, interests include: eating out, cinema, swimming, WLTW a lady with similar interests and GSOH. Box 445650 **Q**

SOUND LIKE YOU?

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For a look at the monthly set menu or à la carte menu, see the new website, www.martinsrestaurant.co.uk.

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Open Tuesday to Saturday evenings and Sunday lunches, 7pm, last orders 10pm. Sunday lunch: 12pm, last orders 2pm. Open Christmas Day, phone 01227 750304 to request a menu.

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cally by The Hop Pickers – taken over by Holiday Inn, Ashford North, in January 2008.

The restaurant is open from

3.30pm until 11pm Monday to Thursday, midday to 11pm Friday and Saturday and midday until 10.30pm on Sundays.

A special carvery is rapidly becoming a very popular Sunday service, with diners looking for a meal in an attractive setting in the countryside but close to main roads.

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BOOK IN: Clockwise from left: Joanna Trollope, Susie Dent, John Bird and Kate Adie are amongst the talented personalities coming to the festival

Word up

Literary legends flock to Folkestone

STARS of the written word will be flocking to Kent this weekend for Folkestone Literary Festival.

Billed as the most diverse and exciting festival so far, the nine-day event welcomes some of the biggest talents in the literary world. Along with talks by authors, discussions and activities, there is also music, comedy and film on offer.

The programme is bursting with tempting events, with each day featuring an enviable line-up of household names, fascinating speakers and activities for children and young people. There are also a number of fringe events taking place, from art exhibitions to a puppet show.

This Saturday the festival gets off to a fantastic start with a visit from bestselling author Joanna Trollope, who will talk about her new book, Friday Nights, and its exploration of modern friendship.

In the evening there will be an appearance by documentarian Nick Broomfield. With his film Battle for Haditha, Broomfield presents a cinema vérité-style account of a real-life

FOLKESTONE LITERARY
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Iraq massacre in which US marines gunned down 24 civilians.

Paul Rose, co-presenter of the BBC TV series Oceans, and Countdown's resident wordsmith Susie Dent will be appearing on Sunday, while festival goers can test their own knowledge at a quiz night in the evening.

Fearless news reporter Kate Adie and Big Issue founder John Bird reveal the secrets of their extraordinary lives on Monday, while comedian Russell Kane explores the notion of the current population speaking in Shakespearean language in Fakespeare: The Lamentable Tragedie of Yates's Wine Lodge.

Tickets to see innovative poet John Hegley on Tuesday have already sold out, but poetry fans can test their own skills in a creative writing workshop with Canterbury's first Laureate, Patricia Debney.

Parliamentary sketch writer Quentin Letts provides an entertain-

ing look at the 50 People Who Bu**ered Up Britain on Wednesday, while Ffion Hague, wife of former Tory party leader William Hague, reveals the women in late prime minister David Lloyd George's life.

Thursday's highlights include audiences with comic legend Denis Norden, award-winning actress Maureen Lipman and writer Will Self, who presents his new book Liver: A Fictional Organ with a Surface Anatomy of Four Lobes.

Popular historian David Starkey talks about his biography of Henry VIII on Friday and the history theme will be taken across the festival's last two days, with day or weekend tickets on offer for the many events. The final weekend includes appearances by broadcaster Sandi Toksvig and Anne Perry, who was included in The Times' list of the 20th century's 100 Masters of Crime.

Step back in time and dance the night away as the festival draws to a close with the Blitz Ball at the Leas Cliff Hall.

Full programme details can be found at www.folkestonelifest.co.uk. Book online or call 01303 842192.



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Friday and Saturday,
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Cranbrook and Tenterden

ALLOW your taste buds to be tantalised by the best local produce at the Cranbrook and Tenterden Food and Drink Festival.

A tented food village will be open at The Cellars in Tenterden both days, accommodating more than 30 stalls piled high with food and drink from across Kent.

Chefs from local restaurants and pubs will be demonstrating how to get the best out of Kent's home-grown produce and there will be lots of street entertainment on offer.

Celebrity chef Oliver Rowe will be hosting at evening at St Mildred's Church Hall in Tenterden at 7pm on



Picture: ADVKENRY

Saturday, which includes a wine tasting session by experts from the world-renowned Chapel Down Winery. Tickets, costing £10, are available from The Lemon Tree Restaurant, Zest Cafe and the Chapel Down Winery.

Other attractions include an Apple Fair in Cranbrook High Street on Saturday, tours, beer tastings and festival menus. For full details visit www.tenterdentown.co.uk or pick up a brochure from various outlets in the towns.

ASHFORD LEISURE

Even your little ones can enjoy spooky activities

THERE is plenty of frightful fun for all ages on offer at the Rare Breeds Centre at Woodchurch this week.

From today until Saturday, there will be gentle Halloween activities for younger children from 10.30am to 4pm. Attractions include a Halloween pantomime, the Devil's Pig Race, the Boo Tunnel and a fancy dress competition. From 6pm to 10pm, those who dare can brave the Terror Trailer Rides, zombie attacks and more.

For details call 01233 861493 or visit www.rarebreeds.org.uk.

Library refuses to keep quiet about great art

ART by young people can be admired at an exhibition at Ashford Children's Library this week.

The display features work by young people attending projects run by Action for Children, including Ashford Playlink Plus, North Downs Project and Ashford/Dover Family Support. Media includes therapeutic art and photography.

The exhibition is at the library in Church Road until Monday.

Railway is on track for a frightening journey

KENT and East Sussex Railway is running a Fright Night Trains service as part of its half term 'spooktacular'.

The railway is running a sinister steam train from Tenterden Town Station on Friday and Saturday. The train embarks on its circular route at 6pm and features an onboard magic show, party food boxes, a Halloween gift for each child and a firework display.

Tickets, at £14, must be booked. See www.kesr.org.uk or call 01580 765155.

Puppets tell magical tale in castle performance

THERE is plenty of magic to be found at Leeds Castle this week with The Sorcerer's Apprentice.

Puppets, music and mime tell the enchanting tale in an innovative production, at the castle until Friday. There will also be craft activities for children.

Admission costs £15/£12.50 for adults and £9.50 for children. An extra charge applies for the theatre performances. For details call 01622 765400 or see www.leeds-castle.com.

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LED BY ZEPPELIN

Saturday, November 1
Sinden Theatre, Tenterden

LED Zeppelin fans will have the chance to hear their idols' songs played live, despite Robert Plant's recent veto on a reunion tour.

One of the country's top tribute acts, Led by Zeppelin, will be bringing the legendary band's classic hits back to the stage this weekend. The concert will feature

the group's brand new line-up, with Paul Lawrence as Jimmy Page, Iain Paul Cobby as John Paul Jones, David Watts as John Bonham and Simon Saxby as Robert Plant.

Lawrence is from Ashford and by day works as a communications manager for a frozen food specialist based in Charing.

"We're delighted David and Simon are joining us," he said. "Both are very experienced musicians - Simon

has supported Ozzy Osbourne and Saxon - and we're going to have a whole lotta fun."

With hits such as Whole Lotta Love and Kashmir, along with gentler acoustic numbers like Going to California, Led by Zeppelin boasts a repertoire that should please any Led Zeppelin fan.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £10. To book call 01580 763826 or visit www.sinden theatre.biz.

HALLOWEEN

Friday, October 31
Museum of Kent Life, Sandling

CHILDREN who go trick or treating at the Museum of Kent Life this Halloween could meet some very interesting characters.

Parents are invited to bring their children to a safe environment where they can knock on the doors of the period houses and see who might be lurking inside. Wicked witches will be casting spells around their cauldrons and there could be some scary spooks hiding in the shadows of the Oast House. Do you dare join the ghost tour and seek them out?

Enter the tunnel of doom and see how many freaky films you recognise, or look for the mysterious magician playing tricks on people. Anyone who goes along looking like a perfect fright could even win a prize in the fancy dress competition, including grown-ups.

The Halloween event runs



from 4pm to 8.30pm and is part of a week of half term activities. Normal admission prices are £7.50/£6 for adults, £5.20 for children and free for under-threes. On

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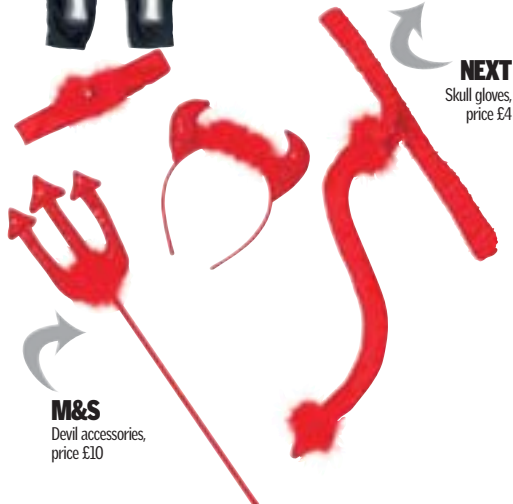
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ASHFORD SHOPPING

In-house chefs happy to receive your emails

FROZEN fruit and vegetable specialist Ardo UK has launched an Ask Our Chefs! online service in response to customer demand.

Anyone shopping at the Charing outlet can now email Ardo's two in-house chefs, the experienced duo of Robert Abreu and John Lowrie, with their recipe queries and challenges to chefs@ardouk.com.

Mr Lowrie said: "We're happy to deal with all sorts of queries, from experienced cooks to mums and dads."

Nivea offer on skincare products looks good

SUPERDRUG is slashing its prices on selected Nivea skincare products.

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iScream is a tasty little offering this Halloween

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GHOST TOWN (12A)



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EAGLE EYE (12A)



Shia LaBeouf is a young slacker whose twin has died mysteriously. This is also linked to a woman (Michelle Monaghan) who finds that her child is missing. Soon the two strangers realise they have been framed as terrorists. They must work together to extricate themselves while being led by a mysterious voice.

Three's a happy crowd

■ BY KATE WHITING

UNLESS you have been living in a cave for the last week, you won't have escaped the buzz around Disney's High School Musical 3.

What started out as a modest TV movie back in 2006 has fast become a global phenomenon, with its first theatrical release smashing UK box office records for advance ticket sales weeks before it is even on the silver screen.

And then there was the London premiere, where thousands of young fans skipped school and queued for hours to get a glimpse of the show's fresh-faced stars Zac Efron, Vanessa Hudgens and Ashley Tisdale.

For anyone who doesn't have HSM-obsessed children, it's hard to understand the fuss about the squeaky-clean extravaganza.

It's almost Grease-lite – no smoking, swearing or sex – but plenty of colour, catchy tunes, soppy lines and spine-tingling dance sequences.

Vanessa, who plays one half of the romantic leads Gabriella and Troy (Zac), sums it up neatly: "Kids can relate to us and our characters. They've been to school with the Troy, the Gabriella and the Sharpay (Ashley), and they look up to us in a sense because it is a world where there is no sex or drugs or violence, it's just a movie that makes you feel good."

The chocolate box-pretty 19-year-old is sipping tea in an elegant London hotel suite the morning after the premiere.

"I got butterflies in my stomach, it was just the craziest feeling," she says of the red carpet madness.

The original High School



SITTING PRETTY: The clean-cut, squeaky-clean fare served up by High School Musical 3 has struck a chord with young fans

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Musical follows the well-known Grease/Romeo And Juliet love story, as basketball jock Troy and beautiful maths geek Gabriella fall for each other against all odds and land the leads in the school musical.

The second instalment moved the action to a country club in the summer holidays, where the devilous Sharpay conspires to steal

Troy from Gabriella, but all ends happily with a Troy and Gabriella duet and their first kiss.

Senior year now sees them back at school, where they are torn between their love for each other and their friends – and the all-important college choice.

"I really love watching the characters grow," Vanessa admits.

"In the first movie they meet, in the second they get a kiss and in the third movie, I feel like you really get to see them fall in love."

"It's just this sweet, respectful, innocent love they have for each other and I love watching it."

In another sprinkling of Disney magic, the two cast members have also fallen for each other and were recently pictured cosying up at a Parisian cafe. Is it tough for Vanessa to kiss her real-life love on screen?

"It is," she says with a shy smile.

"When I was about 11, I was in an acting class and my teacher said, 'You're going to have to do

this some day', and she gave me that scene from My Girl where they kiss."

"I don't think I've ever been more embarrassed in my life, but I thank her now because I have to do it. It's a really great part of the story, though, very sweet and romantic."

While High School Musical may have come to an end for the seniors, a younger generation of characters from the year below looks set to continue the franchise.

Would Vanessa want Gabriella to cameo in a High School Musical 4?

"I don't know. I've heard rumours about it, but I haven't been approached, so I don't really know anything about it."

"Right now, I'm just excited for the fans to see this one."



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PROPERTY NEWS

Keeping people in their own homes

FOLLOWING predictions that many homeowners could fall into negative equity, Yvette Cooper, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, has pledged that the Government would act to prevent people from losing their homes.

The Government has injected billions into the banks as a result of the financial crisis, prompting some analysts to suggest that repossessions should be suspended entirely.

But Ms Cooper feels a balanced approach is necessary. "We need a more responsible approach to repossessions," she said.

"I think repossession needs to be lot rarer. We need to do everything we can to keep people in their own homes."

Analysts warn of safety first when looking for digs

PARENTS are being urged to check the safety of digs when their sons and daughters choose to live off campus when they attend university.

Just 11 per cent of students and parents think that checking with landlords for a gas safety record is a priority – whereas it is actually a legal requirement.

Only 15 per cent take the trouble to verify that boilers are sound, according to a safety survey by property analysts.

Fewer than one in ten think the presence of carbon monoxide alarms in their digs is important when they're choosing a property, despite the very real threat posed by this 'silent killer'.

The Health and Safety Executive is now warning landlords to ensure gas appliances are safe for tenants after two people were poisoned by carbon monoxide from a boiler in their flat that had not been properly maintained.

In pole position when the recovery starts

BY NICK AMES

THERE was good news at this year's Kent Property Market Report – unveiled at Brands Hatch MotorSport Vision Centre – which revealed that despite the economic downturn the county's property market showed a steady performance in 2007/08.

Experts say this will leave the local economy in a good state when the market stabilises.

The average office rental value grew by two per cent, industrial rental value rose by 1.7 per cent, with retail rents increasing by 2.5 per cent.

The report cautioned that Kent will not be immune from the downturn. However, the continued investment in infrastructure and regeneration projects will see it in a healthy position when the markets rebound.

The report was written by Kent County Council and property experts Cluttons.

Cllr Paul Carter, the leader of KCC, said: "Amid the gloom of an unstable national economy, I believe we have a lot to look forward to and be positive about in Kent."

"Significant projects are really moving forward, including our transformational Building Schools for the Future programme, the innovative Turner Contemporary building in Thanet and the exciting academy roll-out."

"With the 2012 Olympic Games, the development of Thames Gateway and the introduction of the high-speed rail link to London coming on-line, Kent offers enormous opportunities to residents, businesses and visitors."

Locate in Kent had a successful year, with demand for office space in June 2008 up by more than a third compared with June 2007.



HOLDING FIRM: David Elliott of Cluttons; Cllr Kevin Lynes, KCC cabinet member for regeneration; Paul Wookey of Locate in Kent; and KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter

The Channel Corridor and Thames Gateway remain particularly popular locations for occupiers. David Elliott, partner at Cluttons, said: "The lettings market is offering real value at the moment, as property is widely available, with residential and commercial occupiers in a position to maintain current rental rates."

"We expect this trend to continue in the foreseeable future, especially for commercial occupiers, as Kent offers a very attractive rate compared with the UK average."

Kent's regeneration projects progressed well

during the year, particularly in the growth areas of the Thames Gateway and Ashford.

Paul Wookey, chief executive of Locate in Kent, said: "Between April 2007 and March 2008, Locate in Kent recorded 235 new projects."

"This included more interest from international companies looking to set up a base in the UK. In these difficult economic times, we expect businesses will look to relocate to more cost-competitive and high-quality property options, and Kent and Medway are ready to service this demand."

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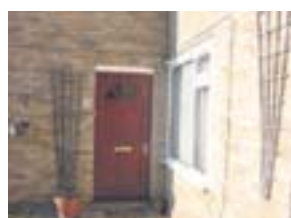
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Hidsons Seat revamp defies recession talk

MAYOR of Maidstone Cllr Denise Joy officially re-opened Hidsons Seat Maidstone site after a £10,000 refurbishment.

Hidsons' marketing manager Vicky Plevin said the investment was a "show of confidence at a time when people are trying to talk the country and motor trade into a recession".

The new look reflects the Spanish brand's positioning as the VW group's affordable sporting marque and Hidsons' brand manager John Davies said it coincided with the recent launch of the sharply styled Ibiza supermini (pictured) and heralded the Cupra performance version.



Skoda BlueLine follows MINI route to success

SKODA is going after the Mini-look with this Fabia BlueLine limited edition.

Just 500 will be made featuring a special package – Mini-esque white roof, new 15-inch alloys and lowered suspension – and showing how stylish the five-door Czech-built supermini can look.

The BlueLine is also a bargain that brings £750 of add-ons for a premium of just £160 against the Fabia 2 upon which it is based. The 1.2 70bhp petrol BlueLine costs £9,990, while the 1.4 80bhp diesel costs £11,450.



Small IQ shows just how clever Toyota's become

TOYOTA'S IQ label for its equally abbreviated new city car will highlight the model's genius and flatter people bright enough to buy it.

Order books are open for January delivery, priced from £9,495 – not cheap for a 'three and a bit-seater' against desirable rivals like the Fiat 500.

However, the IQ comes with 15-inch alloys and lots of goodies, nine airbags and an average fuel consumption of around 65mpg plus road tax-exempt 99g/km of CO2 emissions to sweeten the deal.



HEAP BIG 'UN: Despite it's rather ungainly styling Peugeot's Partner Tepee handles and rides better than the shape suggests and proves to be a remarkably economical car

Peugeot Partner people car will win you over in the end

PEUGEOT has adopted 'Tepee' as sub-branding for some no-nonsense people carriers.

If this suggests to you that they corner rather like a Red Indian tent caught in a high wind, you can forget it; the Partner Tepee and larger Expert handle and ride better than their functional shape suggests.

But they do echo the portability and functionality of structures that enabled tribes like the Apache to cope with a nomadic life.

I put the Partner to the test by roaming Normandy for a week with the family and realised why vehicles like this are so popular in the greater rural mass of France.

It started with the Peugeot Partner Combi, closely related Citroën Berlingo Multispace and rival Renault Kangoo van-based MPVs.

All are modern takes on those former Gallic workhorses, the Citroën 2CV and Renault 4, but the new Partner Tepee (from £11,215) goes further with a body that is funkier and less 'Postman Pat', sitting on a more sophisticated Peugeot 309 car chassis rather than the comfy yet slightly wallowy underpinnings

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BY STEVE LOADER

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of the Partner/Berlingo van. This explains the improved driving dynamics, aided by decent engines.

Our test car had the top spec trim and 107bhp 1.6-litre diesel engine pairing – the Outdoor HDi 110 (£15,305).

It just purred and economy was exceptional – the onboard computer rarely showed less than 40mpg and averaged around 50mpg.

We had just one gripe; the rear seats don't rake to allow those in the back to sleep easier on long runs, but the Tepee does so much else: it is a brilliant picnic wagon inside or out with sliding rear doors, versatile seating, all that storage and a huge and sheltering lift-up tailgate clearing the heads of people well over six foot.

I particularly liked the 'letterbox' shelving above the front seats – great for all the travel documents and so on for a journey like ours.

The test car also had the £550 Zenith roof with extra vents, roof lockers and more glazing to make the cabin even airier.

For budget practicality, the Tepee is hard to beat.

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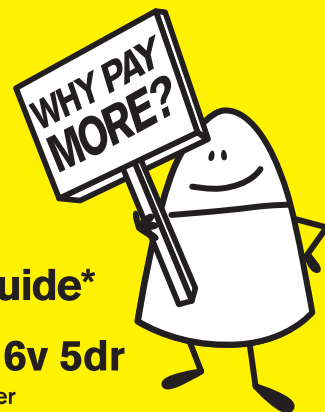
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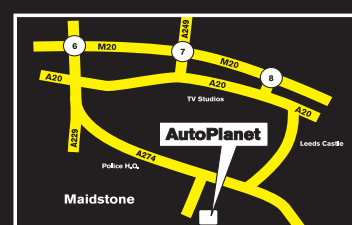
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COUPE, 2.0 16v, 1995, red, 72451 miles, £1995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

DOBLO, 1.2 Dynamic 8v, ex05mxc, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, colour coded interior, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, child locks, twin air bags, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, air conditioning, cd player, alloy wheels, blue, 28000 miles, £4990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

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GRANDE PUNTO, ak07xvf, abs, air bag, twin air bags, electric front windows, cd player, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, oceanic blue met, 8235 miles, £5499, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

MULTIPLA, Jtd 110 ELX, eu02luh, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, colour coded interior, height adjustable seat, lumbar support, head restraints, folding rear seats, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, parking sensor, power steering, abs, twin air bags, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, front fog lamps, electric mirrors, electric windows, climate control, cd player, radio, sunroof, alloy wheels, metallic red, 68000 miles, £3990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

PUNTO, CHILL, g540gn, anti-lock brakes, central locking, drivers airbag, electric windows, metallic paint, passenger airbag, power steering, split/folding rear seats, trip computer, blue, 21500 n0 miles, £4495, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

SCUDO, Comfort 900hp Multijet, i5c7zgc, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, bulkhead, twin sliding doors, barn doors, dual passenger seat, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, air bag, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, silver, 16000 miles, £7495, Clearways Commercial, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

SEIDI, 1.6 16v Eleganza, hy06vxn, 16in alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, body coloured bumpers, centre rear seat belt, climate control, cloth interior, driver, passenger and side air bags, eight speakers, electric/heated door mirrors, electronic brake force distribution, front fog lights, front/rear electric windows, immobiliser, power-assisted steering, radio/cd, remote central door locking, spacesever spare wheel, two seats rear seat isofix anchorage point, beige metallic, 9930 miles, £7495, Thames Group, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

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CIVIC, 1.8 i-Vtec Es 5dr, 1486649, electric sunroof, 2543 miles, transmission manual body style hatchback, fuel type petrol exterior blue, number of doors 5 interior, previous owners 1 interior trim, drake and fletcher provide a variety of warranty options. our sales teams will be happy to explain the options to you, blue, £14988, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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MAGENTIS, Le, met paintwork, 25987 miles, transmission manual body style saloon, fuel type petrol exterior metallic blue, number of doors 4 interior, previous owners 2 interior trim, blue, £3795, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

RIO, 1.4 2.5 Dr, 1380649, central locking, air con, cd, alloys, kia rio 1.4 2.5dr £7,495.00, 150 miles, manual body style hatchback, fuel type petrol exterior silver, number of doors 5 interior, previous owners 1 interior trim, air conditioning, central locking, electric windows, silver, £7495, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

SEDONA, 2.9 Crdi Ls 5dr Auto, abs, power steering, air con, climate control, electric windows, lumbar support, auto mileage 10759 miles, body style estate, fuel type diesel exterior black, 5dr, interior, previous owners 1 interior trim, abs, climate control, pas, 16, height adjustable driver's seat, electric windows with drivers' one touch open, rear air con with separate controls, black, £12795, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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GS300, GS 300 SE, 503461, remote alarm, central locking, full leather, electric seats, air bag, abs, power steering, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, cd, climate control, electric windows, electric mirrors, 15" alloys, blue, 130000 miles, £2999, Marshams, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

IS, 200 SE, alarm, immobiliser, remote central locking, alcantara leather, half leather, electric seats, heated seats, power steering, stability control, abs, multiple airbags, auto lighting, colour coded body, front fog lamps, electric mirrors, electric windows, climate control, multi-disc cd player, electric sunroof, child locks, alloy wheels, red, 52000 miles, £5990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

MINI

MINI, Cooper S, 06, perfect condition, low mileage, 1 lady owner from new, garaged, low mileage, clear car, pepper white / black roof, 9200 miles, £1322500, Canterbury, 07730 666223 (PRIVATE)

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ALMERA, T10, 05, fsh, abs, esp, air con, alloys, sat nav, audio remote control, reversing camera, drive/fuel computer, sun roof, bar (unused) mot to march 09, tax to august 09, silver, 31000 miles, £4800, deal, 01304617476 (PRIVATE)

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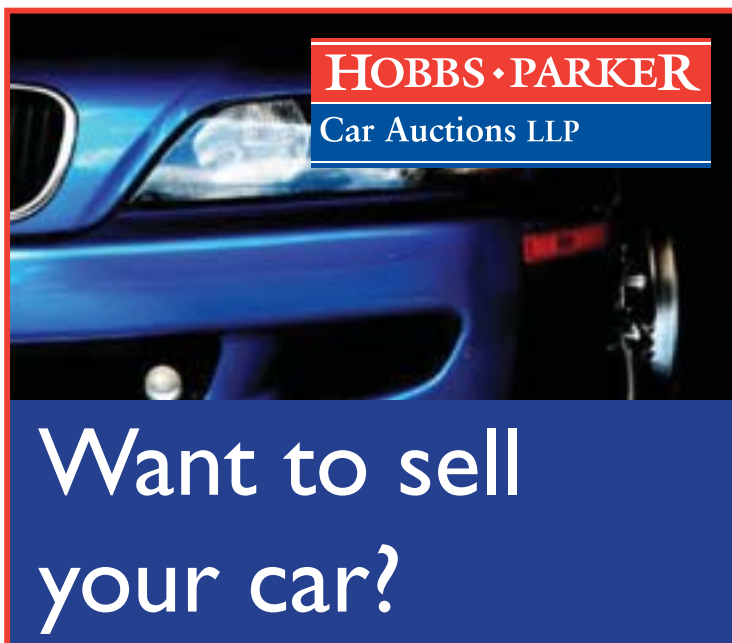
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Interview dates: 20th & 21st November 2008

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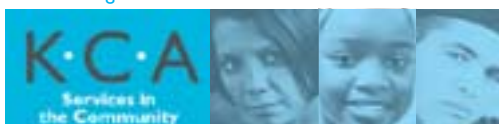
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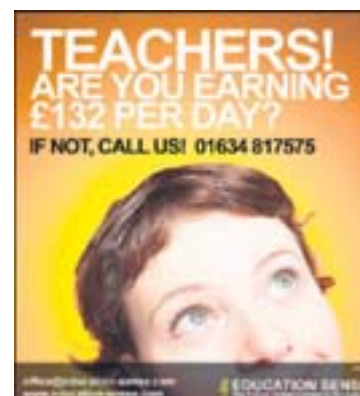
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Job Title: Staff Nurse

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Job Title: Staff Nurse

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 Hours: 37.5
 Location: Ashford
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Job Title: Clinical Coach

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Job Title: Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Masterclass lecture by marketing guru

WORLD-renowned marketing strategist Dr Paul Fifield will be speaking in Kent next month.

Dr Fifield is giving a presentation called Marketing in a Recession, on Wednesday, November 12, during a Chartered Institute of Marketing event at Kings Hill conference centre, West Malling. He will explain that recessions are not always negative and that benefits can be gained during a credit crunch.

Dr Fifield said: "Downturns have always been with us. For a lot of people, though, this will be their first recession and they are understandably concerned, but why look on the bleak side?"

The lecture is open to all, and each delegate will receive a copy of his forthcoming book, Masterclass. To book, visit www.cimkent.co.uk.

Brand new tool will help protect image

GETTING the name and branding of a new product right is crucial to success.

But many businesses invest time and money in developing names and identities only to find that others have legal rights to them.

Now Business Link is offering a helping hand in choosing the right name and this month has introduced a 'company name and trade mark checker' tool to its website: www.businesslink.gov.uk/south-east/namechecker.

Richard Green, adviser manager, said: "Choosing a viable company name and ensuring you don't infringe trademarks is an important stage in developing the image and identity of your business."

Agency's award delight

WARD & Partners has been awarded the title of Best Estate Agency for Kent.

The tribute came in the Daily Mail UK Property Awards 2008.

The award will be presented at a gala dinner at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, London, on Friday.

Aldo Sotgiu, managing director of the firm's north and east Kent area, said: "These awards mean a lot to myself, my fellow managing director Lee Crane and all the team."

Ward & Partners has 44 branches throughout the county.

Banking on a return to sensible lending



■ BY TONY PATEY

FINALLY there is some good news on the horizon for small businesses across the county.

Banks have been told by the Government to roll back the clocks and start lending to smaller firms at the sort of levels seen in 2007.

Up until now, the main reason for the reluctance has been banks have been frightened to lend to each other, but over the last days positive signs indicate cash might start flowing again with a lower lending rate between them – the so-called Libor (London Inter-Bank Offered Rate) – hopefully fuelling the revival.

In fact, although Kent firms have not found it a bed of roses with banks recently, banks are still very much in business and firms with good track records are still getting help.

Barclays Commercial Bank said figures gleaned nationally have been mirrored in the county – and if they are to be believed they show the commercial landscape is not all doom and gloom.

Research on loans levels by UK small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with £1 million-plus turnovers shows that since the beginning of 2008, 16 per cent of companies have taken out loans of £500,000 or more, an increase of three per cent on the same period of 2007.

Roger Cowap, Barclays area corporate director for Kent, said: "National figures are reflected locally where we have already funded significant deals this year."

"There is a perception that we are declining most loan applications, but as long as a business has a strong management team and a good proposition then we want to help and in this section of the market over nine out of ten loan applications are successful. We are very much open for business."

Dr Richard Roberts, SME market analysis director, said: "Overall, we have seen a slight increase in loan applications in recent months, in contrast to the trend in 2006/07, while application success rates for established SME customers remain at over 90 per cent."

"The findings of the study indicate that established SMEs are borrowing to capitalise on business growth opportunities and are receiving the support from lenders to do so."

"These figures go against any suggestions that UK SMEs are experiencing limited growth potential and indicates confidence despite current market conditions."

"Many UK enterprises are in a relatively strong position to borrow and this should help these firms to benefit from the upside of the business cycle over the next few years."

The research also comes as the Bank of England continues to maintain its stance on curbing further inflationary pressure by not dropping interest rates.

TO THE RESCUE: Chancellor Alistair Darling wants banks to start lending to SMEs at 2007 levels

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NEW BLOOD: Phil Relf knows relegation from Division One has increased the need for young talent

Relf: the pressure is on

KENT Academy coach Phil Relf completes a year in the job this month knowing the pressure is on him to bridge the gap between the club's 2nd XI and the first team.

With Kent relegated from Division One of the County Championship, combined with the loss of Matt Walker and Neil Dexter, the need for new young talent has never been greater.

Problems filling the number three spot in the Kent batting line-up have yet to be addressed as both James Tredwell and Geraint Jones failed to impress to any great degree when given the opportunity. Kent captain

CRICKET

Rob Key held a meeting with the club management last week, which included Relf, to discuss opportunities for the county's young players. Relf, who took over from Paul Farbrace last year, knows he will be judged on the quality of players he oversees as they make the transition from 2nd XI cricket to the first-class game.

He said: "There's additional pressure now and rightly so, because if your job is Academy director and your goal is to pro-

duce players who are going to be match-winners in first-class cricket, and you are not doing that, you are not doing your job.

"These things do need time, but with the investment in our youth programme and the Academy, we have got to start producing players.

"There will be opportunities with us in Division Two, but the young lads have got to earn the right to play there, rather than be put in just for the sake of it.

"It would be nice for a Sam Northeast, Alex Blake or Warren Lee to be given a run of games, not just judged on one game, so we find out about them."

Reserves riding high after win

ASHFORD Town reserves remain top of Kent League Division One after recording their sixth win of the season at the weekend.

Town's second string remain top of the pile and unbeaten in the league so far this campaign following a comfortable 3-0 win at Sevenoaks Town.

The Nuts and Bolts are five points ahead of Thamesmead Town, although the second-placed side do have two games in hand on Ashford.

Town will hope to continue their winning ways on Saturday when they take on Margate at Homelands. The Blues sit mid table after three wins and four defeats so far this season.

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Gills boss Mark Stimson explains his decision to transfer-list Andrew Crofts

Ping pong ace set England challenge

RISING table tennis star Lewis Gray has been selected to play for England in the Slovak Cadet Open next month.

The 14-year-old from Benenden, who has also been picked to feature for his country in the Stockton Junior Championships also in November, will feature in the Slovak tournament on November 6.

Gray also helped his team Burton Uxbridge win their latest Briar Junior British League game last weekend.

He won eight out of ten singles to help his side go top of the Division One with four wins and one draw.

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CHANCES: Tony Browne (left) and Paul Jones both had second-half efforts for Ashford

Team changes fail to reignite Town's spark

ASHFORD Town's inconsistent start to the season continued at the weekend as they were held to a disappointing draw at home to bottom side Croydon Athletic.

Boss Steve Lovell made four changes to the side that lost to Sittingbourne at Homelands, with Josh Willis replacing Jamie Riley in goal, while Craig Wilkins made his debut after signing from Folkestone Invicta and there were starts for Anthony Hogg and Paul Jones.

The home side started the brightest and had a good chance to take the lead after 19 minutes when Claude Seanla slipped Charlie Glyde through. His cross-shot was tipped away towards Mitchell Sherwood and rebounded off the outside of the post. Two minutes later Jones saw his tame shot easily saved, however the home-side didn't have to wait long to take the lead.

The lively Seanla capitalised on a poor clearance by Michael Lidbury, rounded the Croydon keeper and slotted it into the bottom corner.

The league's bottom side hit back within seven minutes when the Town defence failed to clear a high ball and Danny Waldren lashed home the loose ball.

Town pressed on looking to regain their lead,

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

Ashford Town 1

Seanla, 25

Croydon Athletic 1

Waldren, 32



Ashford starting XI



Subs used: Browne (Sherwood 69); Batten (Hogg 79)

with Sean Ray heading a Ryan Briggs free kick wide of the target and Jones fired wide when well placed in the penalty box.

Croydon had a goal disallowed on the stroke of half-time when Richard Blackwell rose highest at the far post and powered his header into the top corner, but the referee disallowed the goal for a push on Wilkins.

The visitors missed a golden opportunity to take the lead early in the second half. Waldren whipped in a teasing cross that found Sam Clayton in acres of space but the striker headed waywardly over the crossbar.

As the second period wore on, Town began to take control with their strikers threatening on a regular basis. However, Croydon nearly punished the home side when the impressive

Waldren dispossessed Briggs in the midfield and released Clayton but the forward drilled his effort wide.

Croydon goalkeeper Lidbury pulled off a wonder save with just five minutes left. Tony Browne delivered a fine cross which was met by Jones who peeled off his marker and powered a header on goal but Lidbury stooped down low to keep the ball out.

Lovell said after the game: "It was a good game of football for the neutral. Both sides went at it for the win and to be fair to Croydon they did not look like a side who are struggling in the bottom half of the league.

"We are in a decent position to make a challenge for promotion. It could be better but it could be a lot worse."

Picture: IAN ROPPO

Barham makes the cut for next season

GOLF

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

CHART Hills golfer Benn Barham looks to have secured his Tour card for next season after a good finish in the penultimate round of the European Open.

Barham finished in tied 58th spot at the Castello Masters with one-under-par for the course in Spain. The event was won by Spain's Sergio Garcia.

The Ashford golfer is 110 on the Order of Merit going into the final round of the Tour which is the Volvo Masters in Cadiz, Spain on Thursday.

Meanwhile, Chart Hills Golf Club will not be hosting the Ladies English Open next year after the course's owners decided to end its partnership with the event.

The Leaderboard Group has hosted the tournament on its courses since 2004. After four years at the Nick Faldo-designed Chart Hills, near Ashford, it was switched to The Oxfordshire this season to bring the tournament to a new audience.

After a long legal battle, the club near Thame was granted planning permission to build a hotel. With the major redevelopment not due to be completed until 2010, it was felt there would be too much disruption for the course to host the Open next year.

Instead of switching it back to Chart Hills, Leaderboard decided to pull out altogether.

Henry Alliss at Azalea, a PR firm which represents Leaderboard, said: "They feel Chart



SECURED: Benn Barham's 58th place in the Castello Masters looks to have helped him retain his European Tour card for next season

Hills had hosted the event for four years and all the people who had wanted to see it had already been. It was a very successful event but it was time to move on."

Paul Gibbons, chairman of the Leaderboard Group, said: "I think we can hold our heads high with all the work we have done to help

promote women's golf and the Ladies European Tour. We have hosted five wonderful events but it's now time for somebody else to take on that mantle."

The events at Chart Hills attracted some of the biggest names in women's golf, including Laura Davies and Deal's Karen Stupples.



NEW SIGNING: Ashford defender Craig Wilkins

FOOTBALL

Lovell impressed by new boy's debut

ASHFORD Town manager Steve Lovell believes he has the squad to challenge the play-off positions after bringing defender Craig Wilkins to Homelands.

Lovell moved quickly to sign the central defender from the financially troubled Folkestone Invicta and was impressed with his debut in Saturday's 1-1 draw with Croydon Athletic.

He said: "Craig became available so I snapped him up quickly. He is a great defender. I tried to sign him before when I was at other clubs so it is nice to finally get him in here at Ashford. He made a great debut with Sean Ray and looked as though he had always been a part of our side."

Wilkins will bring experience into the Town defence after spells at Gravesend & Northfleet, Maidstone United and Dover Athletic. The defender, who began his career at Maidstone United, can also play in a forward role.

With former Millwall left back Robbie Ryan leaving the club last week after making just 11 appearances, Lovell admitted he is happy with the squad he has assembled this season.

He said: "I have brought in Craig, but I feel we have the squad good enough to be able to mount a challenge against the best teams in this league."

Town are back in league action this Saturday when they travel to take on Andy Sinton's Fleet Town.

Fleet have three games in hand over Ashford after a FA Cup run that saw them reach the third qualifying round, only to lose 5-2 to AFC Totton.

Before last night's matches in the Ryman South, Fleet were unbeaten in their last six league games and have not tasted defeat since a 4-0 home loss to Walton Casuals on August 25.

November could be crucial month for Lovell and Ashford Town if they are to mount a charge up the division. The Nuts and Bolts have five league games including clashes with fellow promotion chasers Kingstonian and Walton & Hersham.

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Cup run is brewing up nicely after hat-trick

SUNDAY LEAGUE

BEN Squires-Quinn hit a hat-trick for Brewmaster to help his side ease into the next round of the Bodkin Cup.

Goals from Gary Clark and Danny Jennings rounded off a comfortable 5-1 victory over Bocca. Shane McGuinness hit a brace for Hamstreet as they edged out Lydd 3-2 in the cup.

In the Premier Division, a cracking game between Bibby and Bromley Green saw Green just get the better of the hosts, winning 3-1.

Tom Poyner netted a brace and Keith Burnett got the other goal for Green.

Kennington beat Ashford Cavaliers 8-2 with Michael and Steve Ward on target with two each, while Michael Hodges, Olly Finch, Matt Collins and Gary Martin were on the scoresheet for the Cavaliers.

Market Hotel were made to work hard before winning 2-1 away to Betersden, Scott McRobert and Dave Ball on target, Tim Sims netting for Betersden.

In Division One, Ashford Dynamo won their second



Picture: GORD KIRKUP

IN THE HAT: Brewmasters (in red and black) won through to the next round of the Bodkin Cup

game on the trot with a 3-1 win away to Charing. Tony Mabb hit a brace and one from Bernard Dziki secured the win. Olly Prior was on target for Charing.

Market Hotel reserves caused a bit of a shock by beating Red Heathens 3-1. Joe Ansell hit a couple and

one from Matt Moon ensured Hotel went home with the three points. Mersham and Highfield both kept their unbeaten league form intact by sharing the points with a 2-2 draw. Mary Hughes with both Mersham's goals, Lloyd Dehera and Mick Lunn for Highfield.

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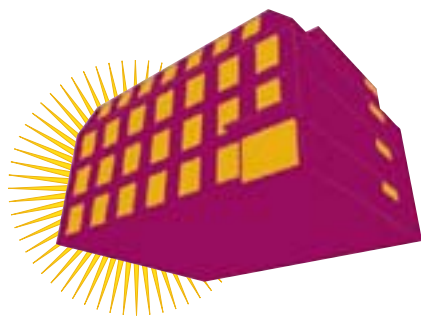
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